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1971EE

"Spring 1902"

HUSSARS SMASH JANIZARIES!

ENGLAND (Trtek): A Nwy S RUSSIAN F
Bot-Swe; F Nth-Ska; F Lon-Nth; F
Nrg S F Lon-Nth.

FRANCE (Vest): A Bol S ENGLISH F Nth-
Hol; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur;
F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Bro-Mid.

GERMANY (Tesser): A Sil S AUSTRO-HUN-
GARIAN A Vie-Gal; F Den-Swe; F Kie-
Hol; A Ruh S F Kie-Hol.

ITALY (Horton): A Pic-Mar; A Tun
holds; F Nap-Ion; F Tyr S F Nap-Ion

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Edeiken): A Vie-Gal;
A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Tri-Ser; A
Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): F Bot-Swe; A Mos-
Sev; F Rum & A War hold; A Ukr S
F Rum.

TURKEY (Drakert): F Smy-Eas; A Con-
Gre; F Aeg C A Con-Gre; A Bul S A
Con-Gre.

Underlined moves are not pos-
sible. The Turkish A Bul is annihi-
lated. The deadline for "Fall 1902"
moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 MARCH
1972. This game now has a second
stand-by: John Hendry, 17 Price Rd.,
Peabody, Mass. 01460.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Turkey pro-
claims her right to Greece and bids
the usurping Slavs kindly leave.

1972A

"Winter 1901"

FRANCE (Powell): Builds F Mar.

GERMANY (Huddleston): Builds F Kie,
A Mun, A Ber.

ITALY (Tretick): Builds F Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): Builds
A Vie.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): Builds A Sev.

TURKEY (Murray): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1902"
moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 MARCH
1972. Joseph Alfeno, playing Eng-
land, assures me that his failure to
submit "Fall 1901" moves was inadver-
(continued in next column)

1972E

"Fall 1901"

FRANCE STABS - AND GETS STABBED!

ENGLAND (Abbott): F Eng-Bro; A Yor-
Nwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy.

FRANCE (McCormick): A Pic-Bel; A Bur-
Mun; F Mid-Por.

GERMANY (Fong): A Mun-Ruh; A Kie-Den;
F Hol-Bel.

ITALY (Strayer): F Ion-Tun; A Ven & A
Apu hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Tri-Bud;
A Ser-Bud; F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Malone): F Bot-Swe; A Sev
holds; F Rum-Bla; A Gal-Vic.

TURKEY (Osmanson): F Bla-Sev; A Arm
S F Bla-Sev; A Bul-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible.
Russia retreats A Sev-Ukr. The High
Combatant Powers now control the fol-
lowing supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bro, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5)

FRANCE: Mar, Mun, Par, Por. (4)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie. (4)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri.
(4)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vic. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Sev,
Smy. (6)

Turkey builds 3 new units. Eng-
land builds 2, and each of the other
players builds 1. The deadline for
these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON,
SATURDAY 11 MARCH 1972.

Larry Fong announces that his new
address is P. O. Box 11090, Oakland,
Calif. 94611. He can be phoned either
at 415-845-4533 or at his old number.

tent and that he will continue play.
The first stand-by in this game is not
Steven Nozik, but Elliot Lipson. There
is also a second stand-by: Michael
Stroz, 106 W. Roosevelt Ave., New
Castle, Del. 19720.

Buddy Tretick announces that his
new telephone number is 301-942-4738,
(continued on p. 3)

1971EB

"PERFIDIOUS ALBION" TRUE TO FORM

"Fall 1902"

France got a moves revision in just under the deadline. They were: F Por-Mid, F Bre S A Par-Pic. Other moves were as printed in #258. This made the English F Lon-Eng possible. All players were informed of this change within a couple of days. Following "Spring 1902" moves, France retreated A Mun-Ruh.

ENGLAND (Birsan): F Eng S FRENCH A Pic-Bel; F Nth-Hol; A Den-Swe; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.).

FRANCE (Holcombe): A Pic-Bel; A Gas-Bur; A Mar S A Gas-Bur; F Bre-Mid; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Ruh S ENGLISH F Nth-Hol.

GERMANY (Grayson): A Bel-Ruh; F Hol-Hel; A Mun holds; A Kie S A Mun [sic; no such unit exists]; A Ber not ordered, is dislodged and retreats A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Brooks): A Tun holds; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Aeg; F Eas S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Aeg; A Pic-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Poh-Tyr; A Vic-Tri; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; F Gre-Aeg.

RUSSIA (Silverman): F Bul(c.c.) holds; A Rum S F Bul; A Pru-Ber; F Bal & A Sil S A Pru-Ber; A Swe S ENGLISH A Den.

TURKEY (Hawley): A Con-Bul; F Aeg-Eas; F Smy S F Aeg-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Ber-Kie and Italy retreats F Eas-Syr. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (7) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vic. (5)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5) RUSSIA: Ber, Bul, Mos, Rum, Sev, Swe, War. (7)

GERMANY: Bel, Kie, Mun. (3) ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4) TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

England may build three units and Russia may build one. France and Germany must each remove one. The deadline for "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 MARCH 1972.

1970BN

RUSSIANS OCCUPY TURKISH CAPITAL!

"Spring 1910"

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Swe-Nwy; F Ska & F Nth S F Swe-Nwy; F Nrg S F Swe-Nwy.

FRANCE (Nierenberg): F Wes-Lyo; F Mid-Wes; A Bur-Ruh; A Bel S A Bur-Ruh; A Mar-Bur; A Gas-Par.

ITALY (Model): F Tun S FRENCH F Wes-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Buchanan): F Nwy-Nrg; F Bar S F Nwy-Nrg; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; F Bal-Swe; A Fin & F Den S F Bal-Swe; A Ber holds; A Ruh-Bel; A Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Mun-Bur; F Bla-Con; F Aeg S F Bla-Con; A Kie S F Den.

TURKEY (Barents): F Ion-Nap; F Nap-Rom; F Alb-Ion; F Gre & F Eas S F Alb-Ion; F Con-Bul(s.c.); A Smy holds; A Rom-Tus; A Fic-Mar; A Ven S F Nap-Rom.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Bel-Pic, and England may retreat F Nrg-Nat, -Cly, or -Edi. The direction of this retreat should come in with the "Fall 1910" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 MARCH 1972. Press releases are on p. 6.

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1971EC

ITALIANS TAKE TURKS IN REAR

"Fall 1902"

Following "Spring 1902" moves Russia retreated F Swe-Bal.

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Eng-Mid; F Nrg-Bar; F Nwy S F Nrg-Bar; A Swe S F Nwy.

FRANCE (Grayson): A Spa-Gas; A Pic-Bel; F Mid-Bre; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Berman): F Bel holds; A Hol-Kie; A Den-Kie; A Mun-Ber; A Ruh S F Bel.

ITALY (Warden): A Tun-Syr; F Ion & F Eas C A Tun-Syr; A Ven holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Fox): F Gre-Aeg; A Ser-Gre; A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Barents): F Bal-Ber; F St.P(n.c.) holds; A Mos S F St.P(n.c.); F Sev-Bla; A Rum-Ser; A Ukr-Rum.

TURKEY (Willner): A Bul S RUSSIAN A Rum-Ser; F Bla-Ank; A Con S A Bul; F Smy-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers as they did after "1901" (see #256) except that Germany has taken Holland, and Russia has lost Sweden to England. Germany and England may each build one new unit, and Russia must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 MARCH 1972.

Press releases are on p. 5.

1972A (continued from p. 1)

He also announces that his Oklahoma address, published in the last issue, is "effective for all mail that will not be delivered in Silver Spring by or on April 4, 1972. After April 21, 1972 all mail should be sent to my home." He also cautions that the John Powell now playing in this game is not his brother-in-law, who bears the same name and who once played in Tre-tick's own incompetently managed 'zine La Guerre.

Just to be on the safe side, Lipson should submit conditional "Spring 1902" moves for England.

1972G

BUDAPEST FALLS TO RUSSIANS

"Fall 1901"

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Nrg-Nwy; A Edi-Den; F Nth C A Edi-Den.

FRANCE (Underwood): A Spa-Por; A Bur-Mar; F Pic-Bel.

GERMANY (De Jonghe): A Ruh-Bel; F Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Kie-Den.

ITALY (Devereaux): A Pic-Tyr; F Ion-Gre; A Ven S A Pie-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hunt): A Tyr-Vie; F Adr-Tri; A Ser S ITALIAN F Ion-Gre.

RUSSIA (Atteberry): F Bot-Swe; A Gal-Bud; F Rum-Bla; A Ukr-Rum.

TURKEY (Blandin): No moves received. A Bul, A Ank, & F Con holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ser, Tri, Vie. (3)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por. (4)

RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev,

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

Swe, War. (7)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

Russia builds 3 new units, Germany builds 2, and England, France, Italy, and Turkey each build 1. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, SATURDAY 11 MARCH 1972. Robert Warren, the first stand-by, should send in Turkish moves. See #258 for his address.

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Stan Wrobel has some game openings. (7 Poland Village Rd., Poland, Ohio 44514) Write him for house rules and information.

OLD GRIND CONTINUES!

Following the "Spring 1914" moves, the retreats were:

FRANCE: F Mid-Bre, A Gas-Par.

RUSSIA: Refuses to retreat F Eng, thus annihilating that unit.

GERMANY: A Kie-Den.

ENGLAND (Lasky): F Liverpool holds.

FRANCE (Mischel): A Mun S A Bur; A Bur S A Mun; A Par S F Bre; F Bre holds.

GERMANY (Isby): A Den-Kie.

ITALY (Comber): F Eng-Lon; F Mid-Bre; A Gas S F Mid-Bre; A Mar-Bur; F Spa(n.c.) S A Gas; A Ven holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Mierenberg): F Wal S ITALIAN F Eng-Lon; F Naf-Mid; F Wes S F Naf-Mid; F Lyo holds; F Ion Tyr; A Kie-Hol; A Ber-Kie; A Sil-Mun; A Tyr & A Boh S A Sil-Mun; A Tri S A Tyr; A Pru-Ber; A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P; A War-Sil; A Gal S A War-Sil.

RUSSIA (Shuldiner): A St.P holds; A Fin S A St.P; F Gly-Edi; F Nth-Hol.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Mun-Ruh and Italy retreats F Mid-Eng. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Liv. (1)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con,

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Par. (3)

Gre, Kie, Mos, Mun, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy,

GERMANY: Den. (1)

Tri, Tun, Vie, War. (17)

ITALY: Lon, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Ven. (7)

RUSSIA: Edi, Hol, Nvy, St.P, Swe. (5)

France must remove 1 unit while Italy and Austria-Hungary may each build 1 new unit. Russia is entitled to another unit, but no home supply center is vacant in which to build. "Winter 1914" adjustments must be submitted immediately. Deadline for "Spring 1915" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 6 MARCH 1972.

Gamesmaster Beshara is on a 2 to 3 week vacation, stopping in Las Vegas, San Francisco, Sarasota, and where his fancy may lead him into the Caribbean. He expects to return to New York no later than March 15. During his absence, Richard Miller, 350 Central Park West, New York, N. Y. 10025, phone (212) 222-9739, will temporarily be Gamesmaster of 1970BB. Members of THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION with urgent inquiries during John Beshara's absence should communicate with Miller.

1971BG

As a result of Earl Hodin's return from the Far East to civilian life, it will probably be another couple of weeks before he is settled permanently in Buffalo, New York. Consequently, the deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is extended to 6 PM, MONDAY 6 MARCH 1972. However, these moves will not be published until everyone is informed of Dr. Hodin's permanent address and given the usual time to negotiate prior to the "Fall 1903" deadline. Temporarily, players may write to Dr. Earl Hodin, c/o Mr. Blaine Mischol, 270 Greenhaven Terrace, Tonawanda, N. Y. 14150; phone (716) 694-6178. Moves for this game, including changes of moves already submitted, must be mailed to Gamesmaster Beshara.

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John Beshara, Chairman of The Diplomacy Association, announces that all players may contact him for information concerning current game openings. This is a service provided by TDA in order to promote postal Diplomacy. Interested players need not be members of TDA. There is no charge for this service, not even a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Beshara's address is Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023.

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This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

FREEDONIA RETURNS!

Along with this issue of GRAUSTARK I have revived its sister publication FREEDONIA, last used as a vehicle for 1964B. This time it is being used for a postal version of Origins of World War II, whose fans have prevailed upon me to referee a game. (See GRAUSTARK #258, p. 12) It is appropriate, for just as GRAUSTARK is a fictional nation from a work published before World War I, the Marx Brothers' Freedonia appeared a few years before World War II in their film Duck Soup.

The first issue of the revived FREEDONIA is being, or has been, mailed to all people who get trade or complimentary copies of GRAUSTARK, and to people known to me to be interested in Origins. If you are interested, and have not yet already received a copy, FREEDONIA is 8 issues for \$1. Only one game, already in process of formation, will be carried in it for the time being, but if it works out, others will be opened.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Several new publications have come this way recently. Gregory Warden, Apt. 106, 4500 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penn. 19139, has sent the 19th issue (and first received here) of his En Passant. This issue announces formation of the Philadelphia Diplomacy Organization. The PDO will publish a bulletin called Diplococky on Diplomacy activity in the Philadelphia area. Interested persons should write to Warden.

Platypus Pie is published by Brenton Ver Ploog, #202, 520 Parker, San Francisco, Calif. 94118. In the 3rd issue he discovers what many other Gamesmasters have: that it is almost impossible to be a player and a Gamesmaster at the same time. He also poses some questions in the law of torts, which should be interesting to logically inclined minds.

Both Warden and Ver Ploog are recruiting new players, with fees of \$4.00 and \$5.50 respectively. En Passant subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.50, and PP's are 8 for \$1.00

Larry Poory's late unlamented attempt to seize The Diplomacy Association from John Boshara has, of course, produced a further schism. Conrad von Metzko mentions this fact in the latest Costaguana, and Robert E. Johnson gets more explicit. It's a little hard to tell at this distance, but apparently Johnson, the Buchamans, and a few others have pulled out of Poory's group and are setting up something called DipOrg. The Candido Annotated is 10¢ per issue from Johnson, Box 134, Whippany, N. J. 07981, and is more or less a circular to DipOrg people and potentially interested persons. We will inform you of further schisms. But for those who want the genuine and original real thing, TDA membership including a subscription to Wazir is \$1.00 from John Boshara, Apt. 1021, 155 West 68th Street, New York, N. Y. 10023

1971EG - PRESS RELEASES

INNOMINATA, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): The Phumphan Institute for Higher Learning has announced that it will be forced to close it's door next year, due to the fact that enrollment has dropped 100.3%. However, all the professors have found jobs at other nations' kindergartens.

SAN MARINO, SAN MARINO (Phumphan Institute of Phonoy Squelching of Queer & Unnaturally Easily Accepted Kidding): The peace conference concluding the Third Annual Phumphan-Liechtensteinian War was concluded today. The peace terms offered were return of Happy Half Acres, and a choice of ten per cent of Liechtenstein's land or two dollars, american. Umberto the Last, said that since you couldn't put two bucks american on ten per cent of Liechtenstein's Land area, accepted the two dollars.

GOD-KNOWS-WHERE (IDUNNO): Rodney Perambulator announced that it is possible to place two dollars on ten percent of Liechtenstein. You merely stand them on edge.

Y, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Sir Osis of the Liver was asked to explain his explanation of his taking over Y, Phumpha. He, replied, "Why Why not Y? Why, Why not why not Y." This time, however, Osis had brought his own bottle of Thunderbird.

MASONOPOLIS, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): The Surgeon Lieutenant of Phumpha today published the result of thirteen years of research into smosing grath. The three page report concluded that smosing grath is hazardous to health because 'The penalty for smosing in nine years in gaol, and after three years, one tends to become rancid.'

INNOMINATA, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): An american fad caught on in Phumpha today. The entire student body of the Phumphan Institute for higher Learning crowded into a telephone booth. He then made a phone call.

INNOMINATA, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): "

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Y, PHUMPHA (National Oddballs Television): Today, for the first time since 1926, there is war within Phumpha. A coalition of Y, Goon's Pholly, Meroakia, Boredom of Dom-Dom, and the Roman Empire will be pitted against an entente of North Snowbank, Craven-on-the-Puddle and Innominata. Happy Half Acres, South Snowbank, and Little Italy are neutral ((sic)), though it is expected that, once the outcome is clear, Little Italy will join the winning side. The National Government in Masonopolis will not try to stop the war. Now for comments by the goons of the nation, we switch to temporary links throughout Phumpha. First, to Eric VII in the Holy Roman Empire.

(There is no picture): Eric, why--"

"You will call me 'your eternal imperial majesty, sir'.

"Your eternal imperial majesty, sir, why is the Roman Empire siding with Goon's Pholly?"

"We wish to reestablish the 'Pax Romana'. Thus, we have allied with the winning side."

(The picture comes in. Eric is eating chicken chow mein, wearing a purple tunic.)

"Besides, that Michaelis, he ain't got no couth." Eric lets chow mein dribble down his tunic, then runs his forearm against his nose.

Switch to Y.

"Sir Osis, why is Y joining the Goon's Pholly coalition?"

"Why (why (why (why Y? Why, why not--"

"Thank you, Sir Osis. Now to Goon's Pholly"

"Umberto, how will this affect Phumpha's relations with the outside world?"

"What relations with the outside world?"

"Thank you. Kelvin, how will this affect the organization of Phumpha itself? Why is the war being started?"

"Well, there will be no change in Phumpha's organization. The Phumphan International Garrison is under the control of Marcus Gelber, who is remaining neutral, and Masonopolis is of course, not permitted to interfere with internal affairs. This war is being conducted by the Goon's as rulers of Goon's Pholly, not Phumpha. As for the reasons: Michaelis never returns my crayons."

"Sorry folks, we are out of time. Next broadcast, we will have the opinions of the neutral goons, and after that, the other sides' opinions. We have taped the interviews with Meroakia's Sophia Septimus VIII and Dom-Dom's John N. For now, goodnight."

1970BN - PRESS RELEASES

ISSHEMEL-GAKA (Rouch): After forty yrs wondering in the desert Hasha and is over faithful servant Aqualung are about to leave the desert of Kong Dong Bong which is located on Lake Michigan in upper Ohio.

These weary travels haven't seen water in such a long time it was something they had completely forgotten til Hasa stumbled into the lake.

"Help help" Hasha yells

"I'm coming" yells back aqua and falls into the slimy liquid

As they make it back to shore they are greeted by the sight of 10,000 seagulls flying low over head.

"What was that?"

"Water I think?"

"Lets drink them ok, but you go first" Hasha put in. "where is the Key???? we HAVE TO HAVE IT!!!!!! IT is in the pond. dive for it will you?"

"I can't swim"

"Then we'll have to drink it."

So as they drink water which they haven't seen in forty yrs we leave them for this issue. Next issue we will see if they find the key and what they will do with it once they find it.

HYUNDERL.B.D (Retired): It seems as though MJIX wants some headlines again. He walked totally naked through the harem girl section of town and only got a small kitten to follow him home.

THE PARABLE OF THE THIRTEENTH SON

by George Seibel

A certain man had thirteen sons.

Now the stargazers and the soothsayers and the wise women declared with a loud voice that thirteen was an unlucky number. And they prophesied that the thirteenth son would be pursued by misfortune, and there would be no place for him in the land of his birth.

But his father said: It is not my fault that my wife is a fruitful vine and Malthus a true prophet. Howsoever the Lord will provide.

Then the first son said: I will be a King or whatever ye choose to call me, Czar or President or Duke, for ye must have some one to rule over ye, and sit upon a throne, and give ye ribbons to wear in your buttonholes.

Then the second son said: I will be a General, a soldier to do your fighting, in case anyone comes to take away the throne of your king, or saith he is bow-legged and cross-eyed and his crown a misfit.

Then the third son said: I will be an Admiral and carry the totem of our family to foreign lands, where the natives may behold its glory. Also when the King and the General may decide to go to war, I will carry them across the seas to kill other families, and bring home the spoils thereof.

Then the fourth son said: I will be a Bishop, and save all your souls. I will tell ye exactly what God wishes ye to do, and I will tell God what rewards ye expect. I will bless the crown of the King, and the cannon of the General, and the totem of the Admiral, so that they will prevail over all their enemies who sell goods too cheaply.

Then the fifth son said: I will be a Senator, and will make laws for ye all, so that ye will know what ye must do and what ye may not do, how to do it and how not to do it, when and wherewith and whereinbefore.

Then the sixth son said: I will be a Lawyer, and will tell ye how to elude and circumvent the laws made by the Senator.

Then the seventh son said: I will be a Policeman, and arrest ye if ye break the laws of the Senator, unless my brother the Lawyer hath taught ye the manner thereof.

Then the eighth son said: I will be a Tax Collector, and will make ye to pay revenue when ye buy anything in another city, and will make ye to pay a portion of all ye produce at home, that the King may have money to gild his crown, and the General to buy powder, and the Admiral to dye his totem, and the Bishop to build a temple, and the Senator to patch his toga, and the Lawyer to pay his jurymen, and the Policeman that he may not require to commit burglary, and myself for inspecting, appraising, assessing and levying upon ye, and relieving ye of your surplus, which would cause ye much worry and bring ye into many temptations.

Then the ninth son said: I will be a Banker, and will guard your money when ye do not need it, and will lend it to you at interest when ye do need it.

Then the tenth son said: I will be a Salesman and Advertising Expert, to cause ye to buy what ye do not require, to persuade ye to buy more than ye require, to keep ye from buying better and cheaper substitutes, and to flatter ye for the taste displayed in buying the goods that I sell.

Then the eleventh son said: I will be a Movie Actor, and will look handsome, and will drink champagne, and will have seven wives, and will never need to think, and will get a million dollars a year to keep all other people from thinking.

Then the twelfth son said: I will be an Editor, to tell ye all about the Movie Actor's divorces, and the excellence of the motor cars the Salesman sells, and the Banker's philanthropy, and the Tax Collector's patriotic function, and the Policeman's majesty, and the Lawyer's eloquence, and the Senator's wisdom, and the Bishop's holiness, and how many ships the Admiral hath sunk, and how many cities the General hath burnt, and why ye must hate the people in those ships and cities, because your King is greater than their King, and your Totem more beautiful than their Totem, and your Bishop's God more sublime than their Bishop's God. And I will explain how all this hath come to pass, which is Civilization.

Then the thirteenth son said: I know not what I shall do. For I am the thirteenth son. And the stargazers and soothsayers and wise women have declared that thirteen is an

unfortunate number.

Then his brothers of one accord said unto him: Be of good cheer, for thou art our brother, and we will find thee something to do. The King needeth someone to keep his crown polished, and the General cannot make his own cannon. Thou mayest build a Dreadnaught for the Admiral and a Cathedral for the Bishop. Thou must vote for the Senator, and thou shalt make the cloth of the Lawyer's coat. The Policeman requireth thee to exercise his right arm, and the Tax Collector must assess some one who cannot dodge him or secure exemption. The Banker needeth thee for a depositor, and the Salesman cannot sell anything unless thou producest it. The Movie Actor must have somebody to gaze upon him; the Editor somebody to believe the words of his pen. All of them must be fed; thou shalt furnish the food. All of them must be housed; thou shalt build the homes. All of them must be warmed; thou shalt dig the coal. Thus, verily, thou dost not live in vain, even though thou art the thirteenth son!

Whereupon the thirteenth son rejoiced greatly that the curse was lifted, and that there was a place even for him in the land of his birth, where he might partake in the blessings of civilization and enjoy the luxury of labor. And to this day the Thirteenth Son dwelleth among us, and he knoweth that the prophecy of the stargazers and soothsayers and wise women was an idle superstition, and he is glad that he liveth.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

((Dates of letters are given where known. Comments of the editor are enclosed in double brackets.))

JEREMIAH B. MODEL, 3434 20th Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55407 (20 July 1971): I find your recent opinion with respect to resistance disturbing. You feel that Kent State et al indicate that there is presently a bald violent repression of dissent going on in this country. Aside from the fact that I think this is not quite true (and this is a matter of judgment) I am puzzled at your apparent attitude in light of this: resistance is so dangerous that it is futile.

This is precisely wrong: the greater the repression the more necessary resistance is, danger or no danger. Failure to resist and acquiescence is exactly what the government would want: this behaviour insures the continuance of tyranny. ((And of life.)) Resistance, although perhaps not always successful, admits at least some hope and some possibility of the end of the regime.

Respect for the danger involved is necessary for the success of any resistance; to allow fear to paralyze resistance is foolish.

((Well, everyone had a fine emotional binge in May 1970 after the killings at Kent, Ohio and Jackson, Mississippi. But since then not one of the killers has so much as been arrested. All relevant law enforcement authorities up to and including the Attorney General have completely exonerated them. On the contrary, some of the survivors of these attacks have been imprisoned.

((These facts have come across to the student population, whose political activity has slacked off drastically now that the government's position is clear. It is obvious by now that the army could repeat Kent State anywhere in the country with no adverse effects at all to itself or its Commander-in-Chief. In retrospect, the peace movement can be faulted for not realizing that the government which will kill to make a war, will also kill to preserve the war.

((For supplementary reading, look up the speech that Josephus quotes the Jewish King Herod Agrippa II as having made on the outbreak of the Jewish Revolt of 66. This speech is probably a later invention of Josephus, but it does accurately represent the views of the king and his collaborationist court. The king very soberly compares the forces available to the Roman Empire and to the Jewish rebels, and points out how nations considerably superior to the Jews in numbers, resources, and military expertise accept the Roman yoke.

((Despite this level-headed warning, the revolt went on. Its result was a massacre that the Jews took 19 centuries to recover from. Granted, the Jews of today regard Simeon bar-Giora and the other rebels as heroic martyrs, but it is easy to romanticize the virtues and sufferings of the long dead. It would not have been so pleasant to experience it in one's own person.

((Yet this is what the advocates of resistance would have us do today. Thank you, no.))

Some time ago you ran a contest which involved a fantasy about Nixon balling his daughters on TV. You asked your readers to write a justification in the manner of Nixon's usual apologists. ((This seemed reasonable, since some GRAUSTARK readers show a facility in justifying anything that President Nixon does. Oddly enough, none of them had anything prepared for this case.))

Your dream has come true, at least to some extent, when you think about it. Richard Nixon is visiting "The People's Republic of China". Think about it. Think about how fanciful this sounded or would have sounded last year, say. And listen to Dicky's fellow Republicans! Richard Nixon, ex-pimp for Joe McCarthy, is going to Red China!

I still can't comprehend it fully.

I can't for the life of me understand either 1) what he expects to accomplish by going there; they certainly won't agree on a damn thing, and 2) how the hell does he reconcile this within the context of his political career?

I think I know why the Chinese are doing this. They don't care what if anything is said. They just want to freak out the Russians.

((High policy is not quite this trivially grounded. Look how the alliances have been choosing up sides across Asia in recent months. On one side are the United States, China, South Vietnam, Pakistan, the fragments of SEATO, Iran, and Israel. On the other side are the Soviet Union, Japan, India, Bang-Bang-Dish, North Vietnam, and the Arab states. Into this grand design fits everything from squabbles over Persian Gulf islands to the skeptical remarks in Hanoi newspapers concerning Nixon's trip to China. Every Japanese ship that enters Haiphong Harbor and every Kalashnikov rifle that an Arab guerrilla shoots at an Israeli Socialist is part of one great, cynical monument to the memory of Nicolo Machiavelli.

((The estimated lifetime of this Grand Design is approximately equal to that of Mau Dze-dung.))

One last remark. Rod Walker's letter in #243 was totally incredible.

First, his remarks about race war were astonishing for the blindness they display. The United States has ALWAYS been paranoid in a racist way towards the orient. Why was Japanese expansionism in the twenties called "Yellow Peril" while the Soviet "threat" was called Communism? Why were the Japanese interred in concentration camps while the German-Americans were allowed to run free, even if they held Bund meetings? (John, you might recall some of these in New York. What happened to their leaders during the war, by the way?)

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((I wasn't living in New York during the war, but in California. There the war was regarded as mainly against Japan; Germany was just a sideshow. Some of the Bundist leaders were indicted for sedition, but a mistrial was declared when the judge died, and the government did not prosecute again. For details about Bundist leaders and this trial, see Avedis Derounian's books Under Cover and The Plotters, published under the pen name "John Roy Carlson".))

Rod, if you can imagine the US using the atom bomb on Germany in 1945, rather than Japan; if you can see the US using napalm, white phosphorus, 2,4-D and other highly toxic defoliants and gases, if you can imagine free-fire zones in Tuscany and body counts in Italy, where American involvement is not inconceivable as John pointed out some issues back (("The Italian Civil War of 197X", #231)); if you can imagine all this and picture it without flinching, then I might understand why you be-little the racist opinion of this war.

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But if you hesitate for one moment, if somehow defoliation of the Po or irradiation of the Rhine cause you to pause for just one small instant, then you will understand, or should, what racism and racist war is.

Do you think Richard Nixon might hesitate? How about any random senator?

((A few demurrals. First, the atomic bomb was not used against Germany solely because it did not exist when Germany surrendered on 8 May 1945. The first successful test was in New Mexico late in July. Atomic bombs were dropped on Japan on 6 and 9 August. The enthusiasm for the war was so great, and the hatred of Germany so general, that I cannot imagine the US not using the atomic bomb on Germany had it been available.

((White phosphorus was used against Germany, as part of the so-called "R. A. F. Calling Cards". I am fairly certain that napalm was used on both Japan and Germany, and I be-

lieve that 2,4-D did not exist at that time.))

Rod's justification of the war in terms of Chinese expansionism are internally inconsistent, as well as being wrong. Consider: Rod said that Communism has nothing to do with this war. OK, then, the fact that North Vietnam is Communist and that China is Communist is irrelevant. That is just as coincidental. Now there are no Chinese troops in Indochina, as nearly everyone in the world except the most imaginative will admit. So how does this indicate that China is establishing a hegemony over Vietnam? "Oh," you say, "there may not be any troops, but there are advisors, and China is aiding Vietnam." But all this means is that China and Vietnam are at most allied. They're friends. SO WHAT THE HELL IS SO GOD-DAMN ABNORMAL ABOUT TWO COUNTRIES WHO SHARE A BORDER AND IDEOLOGY TO BE ALLIED? Now, if you're worried about China taking over Vietnam, conquering it, so to speak, then you might have a case. The Vietnamese run North Vietnam, so this hasn't happened yet. WHEN CHINA INVADES VIETNAM, AND COL. GIAP ASKS FOR OUR AID, THEN BY ALL MEANS, LET US FEND OFF CHINA.

What we are doing, then, is going 10,000 miles and blasting the shit out of Vietnam to keep it from being friends with its neighbor, allied, if you prefer, but it is still insane. Maybe the Russians should be alarmed at the degenerating situation in Canada? After all, the Canadians are allied with their enemy, the US!

Of course, I assume, as you have, that "Communism" is irrelevant.

The final insanity that Rod displayed was his return to the old argument that the President knows more than any of us - it's just all secret. This argument is flatly invalid and inconsistent. Consider:

The argument is given that the President has at his disposal a set of facts which undoubtedly would prove the action in Vietnam justifiable, but for reasons of security, he cannot reveal them.

These reasons are convincing and compelling, they justify the war; yet the country would be in danger if they were revealed.

So the country is not in danger now, without revealing the reasons? The secrecy and confusion have so bewildered and angered people that the country is dangerously polarized and has pockets which are on the verge of revolution. The President is assumed to be lying most of the time, and Congress is either afraid or disgusted. What danger could the revelation of these facts pose which would be so great as to outweigh the good in uniting the country and restoring faith in the government?

A fact which might endanger our security is one which might be used against us. Are you saying that our reasons for being in Vietnam must remain secret or else somebody might use them against us? If those facts justify our actions so completely, how could they possibly be used against us?

I don't understand, Rod. You're too much.

ROD WALKER, 4719 Felton, San Diego, Calif. 92116 (10 Oct. 1971): The nice thing about Realpolitik is that it is not Traumpolitik. You ask about Pakistan, which is an interesting problem. The amazing thing about it is that East Pakistan waited so long to rise up. The Bengali of the east have little to do with the Urdu-speakers of the west save in religion. I feel reasonably certain that the Bengali will continue to press sporadically for independence until they achieve it. I suspect that this will spill across the border and take in all of Bengal - in which case, there will be an interesting struggle over Assam, Tripura, and so on.

((The Indians came in and saved the Bengalis from Pakistan. Who is going to save the Bengalis from the Indians?))

I see no reason to interfere in all this. If the Chinese attempt to meddle, they will probably bungle it, as they are wont to do. If they are successful, and even if they are ultimately not successful, we may expect the Russians to oppose them, so why should we? The question of who rules Bengal is immaterial. It is an area of enormous industrial potential, and political disorders there will retard industrialization. That may or may not be good from our point of view, but we may as well count on the retardation. The Bengali are shrewd businessmen, and if they obtained a solid, industrial base, they could give Japan and the US a sharp fight. Good, honest competition is hardly an evil, and the creation of a strong, aggressive Bengal would do much to balance things out in the East. ((When did you ever know a trading nation to stand still for "good, honest competition" if they could possibly suppress it?)) However, since the Bengali will have to achieve this themselves - no amount of propping will do it for them - I see no reason for us to become involved in

active encouragement or support. Covert support, of course, is something else again. I sometimes think we aren't sneaky enough.

((Note: These lines were written before the Anderson Papers were revealed.))

I suggest therefore that the US should remain officially neutral, but recognize de facto any Bengali regime which gets a decent start toward control of the Gangetic Delta. In other words, we should do nothing to offend the Bengali. Once they are established, a formal, correct, and increasingly friendly embassy should be established, along with some judiciously placed bribes. If we are lucky, Bengal will sell us iron ore from their incredibly huge deposits (now in India.)

((This implies that American arms will be used to guarantee Bengali conquest of those Indian ore deposits, and we're off and running into another Vietnam.))

But why fight for (or against) the inevitable? What a waste of time and money. The great danger is that a festering Bengal situation could provoke a war between Russia and China if it were properly timed. I suppose we ought to hope for a resolution of the situation by 1980.

Isn't that awful? Realpolitik doesn't mean depending on your armies all the time after all. ((Who's going to get those iron ore deposits for your pals in Bang-Bang-Dish? Old Uncle Sucker again?)) It is I suppose wicked to suggest that the US will benefit no matter what happens in Bengal, but I think that is the case. Now, if we can just figure out a way to get Russia and China to wipe each other out without involving us - Bengal may be the ticket; who knows? ((Quite the little ray of sunshine, aren't you?)) I am sure you naively believe that Bengal is none of our business; but that is silly. It is vitally important to us, despite our need to remain openly relatively inert.

That is the beauty of a multi-polar power balance: they also gain who also sit and wait. America needs lots of forbearance over the next decade or so, and you radical populists will be just dandy for providing the public pressure for the policies we need. If we work it right, you will help make the American Empire of the 1990s better, more cohesive, and more powerful than it was in the 1950s. Thanks, John.

ROBERT BRYAN LIPTON, 556 Green Place, Woodmore, N. Y. 11598 (undated): You seem to have a talent for ignoring facts that go counter to your theories. Forces in southeast Asia now number about 200,000, which is slightly less than the half million peak. Buchwald had a column in which, when there is but one soldier left in southeast Asia, he attacks China. Between the fact that there are less men in the area, that deaths are down, and that expenditures are also, I would tend to stay ((sic)) that the war is winding down.

((The facts of the matter are that the Defense Department budget has been steadily rising during this alleged "US withdrawal" from Indo-China. And there are considerably more than 200,000 US troops there now. Any soldier who is paid, armed, and trained by the US is a US soldier, no matter what uniform he wears or language he speaks. "Vietnamization", as its own defenders admit, means using US resources to hire other than Americans, to keep the war going. But these men are American troops just as assuredly as the Hessians whom our ancestors whipped were British troops.))

Sidelight: Dr. Anzalone tells me that the forces in Vietnam are not the hardy warriors fighting the twenty four hour/day war that we are led to believe. They are often moved up to two hundred miles by helicopter, land at 9 AM, and are picked up at five, to "go back to their ice cream". The hardship enters in the fact that the ice cream often melts before they can get at it.

Throwing out Sihanouk; the international situation is analogous to that of the beginning of the 20th century, with it's "spheres of influence". Russia is at about the same strength, the US has replaced Britain, and Red China Austria-Hungary.

(14 Oct. 1971): You have, in all the issues of GRAUSTARK that I have read, attacked the US government on charges of inhumanity.

Now, I will readily admit that the government is cruel. It is often inhuman. But the fact is, it's a government. I'm sure that you realize, in accordance with Finagle's law as applied to changeable systems - Any change will be bad - that any government set up to handle two hundred million people, will have to be either very centralized, as our country is becoming, or very loosely organized, as the larger states were up until about one thousand years ago - the roman empire, the Moslem domains - unless the state is led by a man with true personality.

Unfortunately, the country doesn't have that type of leader. We haven't had one in this country, since McKinley was president. And you know how he went.

Before one complains about one system, it is really necessary to have a deep understanding of the flaws in the system, and the reason for those flaws. Your complaint seems to be that the government is repressive. Why is it repressive? Can you think of a system that can govern one fifth of a million people, with much less cruelty than this one? One that can do it better, quicker, and with less money needed. If you can, please tell me, because if you have a system that will work, I will support it wholeheartedly. (I am not being sarcastic.)

Anarchy is ridiculous. People want to be led, and will follow the first self-assertive megalomaniac who tells them what to do, whether it's shooting a dozen innocent civilians, or killing five million jews ((sic)), or disrupting all the schools in a given area, or even bitching about the government. After a while under this system, one has four or five states living in an uneasy truce, waiting only an excuse to start a war.

I am interested, not in problems, but answers. I have problems enough. But no one seems to have any answers that will work.

((The best we can do at this stage is to specify certain things that must be avoided in statecraft. Chief among these is war. It's a negative approach, but the best available. And even this is only theoretical, since any government will decide that it's cheaper to shoot pacifists than to make their economies independent of war.))

(18 Oct. 1971): You sound as if you are between Scylla and Charydis ((sic)): Your conscience tells you to act against a government you feel tyrannical, and your knowledge tells you that it's useless to act. Not being the martyr type, all you can do is beat your chest and shout "Mea culpa, it's not." I appreciate your dilemma, even though I don't believe that there is a solution. The Kennedy president started the build-up in earnest. Johnson continued it, and his actions in the middle part of his administration will overshadow his efforts at helping the country. (You may have forgotten that immediately following Kennedy's death, Johnson used his position to ram through a number of bills - things like the head start program - that Kennedy had been unable to get passed.) Nixon has been winding down the war: There are now less american ((sic)) deaths in viet Nam ((sic)) than in a city of the size of our forces there.

((The average bomb tonnage dropped on Indo-China by the US in Nixon's three years is greater than the average bomb tonnage dropped during Johnson's last three years.))

...In a game, can a fleet that is used to convoy an army be used for support? ((No.))

(undated): Is it necessary to be next to both the invading army and the invaded territory to support? ((No.)) For example, imagine Turkey is in Serbia and Italy is in Venice, with Austria occupying Trieste. Can the Serbian army support the Venetian army into Trieste? ((Yes, if the support is not cut by an attack on Serbia from elsewhere.))

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